

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's participation in a telephonic conference on February 4, 2008. Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Rodee for his time and consideration.

During the interview, the claimed subject matter of the application and the cited references were discussed. In particular, Applicant presented arguments along the lines of those set forth below in the section entitled "Claim rejections 35 U.S.C. §103." Specifically, Applicant presented arguments as to how the subject matter in the reference fails to describe, show, or teach the claimed ionomer.

Further, Applicant discussed the §112 rejections as well as submitted proposed amendments. Applicant understood the Examiner to tentatively agree that those amendments discussed as well as proposed during the interview effectively addressed the §112 Rejection.

In the interest of expediting prosecution of the application, and without conceding the propriety of the rejection, Applicant proposes to amend the claims as discussed during the interview. Accordingly, Applicant submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance.